



Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission

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September 9, 1998

Gordie Blum (P-19J)
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U.S. EPA Region 5
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RE: Lenz Oil Services, Inc. Site
U.S.EPA Proposed Cleanup Plan
Village of Lemont Comments

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Dear Mr. Blum:

The Village of Lemont supports the cleanup of the Lenz Oil Services, Inc. site. Lemont has been involved in this project since the 1980's during the first phase of the site cleanup.

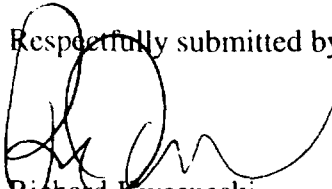
The Village of Lemont has the following concerns regarding the next phase of the cleanup as proposed by U.S. EPA at the Public Hearing on August 17, 1998 at the Witkowski Recreation Center in Lemont:

1. The risk assessment conducted by EPA was not available in the public repository in the Lemont Village Hall. This lack of information makes it difficult to assess the appropriateness of the proposed plan options.
2. It is not evident when the deep well contamination, found initially, will be addressed. Local wells in the vicinity of the Lenz oil site were found to be contaminated and were required to be closed. The proposed cleanup plan contains options for cleaning only the contamination found in the shallow aquifer, indicated to be 5 to 8 feet below grade, and the surrounding soils.
3. There is a concern for public safety and exposure risks that will be encountered during the implementation of Option 9A during the excavation operations where the LNAPL will be exposed to the ambient air.
4. Lemont supports further evaluation of options 10 and 11 since they appear to control exposure of the community if constructed with the appropriate air emission control equipment.

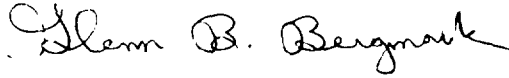
Lemont supports the implementation of the Cleanup alternative that will remove the most amount of contaminants with the lowest risk to the community. The method chosen must assure the safety of the nearby residents.

Lemont also requests that another public hearing be conducted prior to making the final decision on the cleanup alternative to be implemented to allow for public review and comment.

Respectfully submitted by the Village of Lemont,

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Richard Kwasneski
Mayor of Lemont

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Reverend Glenn Bergmark
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